



Legislative Update

3-28-14

Summary of Legislation Impacting Higher Education

SB 699 **Pearce** **Interstate Reciprocity for Distance Education:** Authorizes the CBHE to enter into a distance education reciprocity agreement on behalf of the state and grants authority to CBHE to promulgate rules consistent with guidelines established by the regional higher education compacts for the approval of institutions to deliver distance education under the agreement.

Bill History: First Read: 1-13-14; Second Read and Referred to Senate Education Committee: 1-30-14; Public Hearing: 2-19-14; Voted Do Pass (Consent): 3-5-14; Reported to Senate Floor (Consent): 3-6-14; Removed from Consent Calendar: 3-11-14; Reported to Senate Floor: 3-13-14; Senate Formal Calendar for Perfection: 3-13-14; Senate Perfected: 3-26-14; Third Read and Passed: 3-27-14; House First Read: 3-27-14

HB 1389 **Thomson** **Interstate Reciprocity for Distance Education: Interstate Reciprocity for Distance Education:** Authorizes the CBHE to enter into a distance education reciprocity agreement on behalf of the state and grants authority to CBHE to promulgate rules consistent with guidelines established by the regional higher education compacts for the approval of institutions to deliver distance education under the agreement.

Bill History: First Read: 1-14-14; Second Read: 1-15-14; Referred to House Higher Education: 1-22-14; Public Hearing: 2-18-14; Voted Do Pass (Consent): 2-25-14; Referred to House Rules (Consent): 2-25-14; Voted Do Pass (Consent): 3-13-14

SB 492 **Pearce** **State Funding for Higher Education Institutions:** Requires the cooperative development of a resource allocation model by the public four-year institutions of higher education and the MDHE that incorporates performance funding for public four-year institutions of higher education. The model must be approved by the CBHE. The CBHE must develop and adopt at least five institutional performance measures for each public four-year institution, in collaboration with

the institutions and the Joint Committee on Education. SCS limits performance funding/equity allocation to new funds (above previous year core) and adds Linn State Technical College to the model.

Bill History: Prefiled: 12-1-13; Referred to Senate Education: 1-9-15; Hearing: 1-15-14; SCS voted Do Pass Senate Education Committee: 1-22-14; Reported from Senate Education Committee to Floor w/SCS: 1-28-14; Senate Committee Substitute, with amendments, adopted by Senate: 2-18-14; Senate Perfected: 2-18-14; Third read and passed with Emergency Clause: 2-20-14; House Second Read: 2-24-14; Referred to House Higher Education: 3-26-14

SB 494

Pearce

State Student Aid Study: Requires the Joint Committee on Education to conduct a study of the Higher Education Academic Scholarship Program (Bright Flight), the Access Missouri Financial Assistance Program, and the A+ Schools Program by November 1, 2014. The study must include, but not be limited to, eligibility requirements for each program, acceptance of aid by eligible students, and retention and graduation rates of recipients. Also adds public institutions of higher education to the entities which the JCE may make reasonable requests for staff assistance.

Bill History: Prefiled: 12-1-13; Referred to Senate Education: 1-9-14; Public Hearing: 2-12-14; Voted Do Pass by Senate Education: 2-19-14

SB 605

Dixon

Higher Education Clean Up Bill: Updates references to higher education statutes that have been repealed. Several statutes contain references to sections 173.205 and 173.215, which were repealed in 2007. This act removes these references and replaces them with references to either section 173.1102 or section 173.1104, as appropriate. Identical to introduced version of SB 67 (2013).

Bill History: Prefiled: 12-4-13; First Read: 1-8-14; Second Read and Referred to Senate Education Committee: 1-16-14; Public Hearing: 1-29-14; Voted Do Pass: (Consent): 2-5-14; Reported from Senate Education Committee to Floor (Consent): 2-6-14; Third Read and Passed (Consent): 2-13-14; House First Read: 2-13-14; House Second Read: 2-17-14; Referred to House General Laws: 3-26-14

SB 679

Curls

Parental Support for Higher Education: Modifies laws regarding educational parental support for higher education.

Bill History: First Read: 1-8-14; Second Read and Referred to Senate Seniors, Families, and Pensions Committee: 1-30-14

SB 722 Justus **MO Tuition Equity Act:** Requires colleges and universities to consider an individual a Missouri resident for tuition, fees, and admission purposes based on graduated from a Missouri high school having attended a Missouri high school for at least two years. The individual must have entered the US prior to enactment and, if not a citizen or permanent resident, must provide an affidavit confirming the intent to become a permanent resident.

Bill History: First Read: 1-14-14; Second Read and Referred to S Education Committee: 1-30-14

SB 729 Romine **Tax Credits for Innovation Campuses:** Provides for a tax credit for donations to Innovation Education Campuses as defined in the bill. Tax credit would be for one-half of the donation but could not exceed current year tax liability of the donating entity.

Bill History: First Read: 1-15-14; Referred to S. Jobs, Economic Development, and Local Government: 2-6-14; Public Hearing: 2-12-14; Voted Do Pass w/ SCS (Consent) by Senate Committee: 2-19-14; Reported to Senate Floor (Consent): 2-20-14; Removed from Senate Consent Calendar: 2-25-14

SB 848 LeVota **A+ Dual Credit:** Requires the Department of Higher Education to establish a reimbursement procedure through the A+ Program for a student's portion of fees for dual credit courses.

Bill History: First Read: 2-10-14; Second Read and Referred to Senate Education: 2-27-14; Public Hearing: 3-12-14

SB 887 Schaefer **Administrative Costs:** Requires each public institution of higher education to annually report the institution's administrative costs as a percent of its operating budget.

Bill History: First Read: 2-18-14; Second Read and Referred to Senate Education: 3-6-14; Public Hearing: 3-12-14; Voted Do Pass: 3-26-14

SB 908 **Schaefer** **University of Missouri Board of Curators:** Requires a member of the board of curators must be a student curator, with the right to vote on any matter before the board, except decisions regarding the hiring or firing of faculty or staff.

Bill History: First Read: 2-20-14; Second Read and Referred to Senate Education: 3-6-14

SB 941 **Curls** **Missouri Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Initiative:** Requires the Department of Higher Education to develop a program to offer information technology certification through technical coursework.

Bill History: First Read: 2-26-14; Second Read and Referred to Senate Education: 3-13-14

SB 959 **Curls** **Center for the Neighborhoods Fund:** Creates the "Center for the Neighborhoods Fund" in the state treasury to establish a center for the neighborhoods to conduct applied urban research and outreach programs.

Bill History: First Read: 2-27-14; Second Read and Referred to Senate Progress and Development: 3-26-14

SB 983 **Pearce** **Missouri Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Initiative:** Creates a procedure to allow employers who hire certain student interns to transfer a portion of their state tax liability to the Missouri Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics fund.

Bill History: First Read: 2-26-14; Second Read and Referred to Senate Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government: 3-26-14

HB 1232 **Haahr** **Show-Me Future Program Pilot:** Establishes a pilot program to study the impact of replacing traditional higher education tuition with a system that would enable graduates to repay higher education costs with a percentage of their income for a specified period of time.

Bill History: Introduced: 1-8-14; Second Read: 1-9-14; Referred to H Higher Education: 1-16-14; House Higher Education Hearing: 2-4-14

HB 1247

Wood

A+ Dual Credit Requires DHE to develop a procedure to reimburse students in the A+ program for books and academic fees based on dual credit course tuition and any fees paid by the student prior to high school graduation.

Bill History: Introduced: 1-8-14; Second Read: 1-9-14; Referred to House Elementary and Secondary: 1-16-14; H Elementary and Secondary Committee Hearing: 1-29-14; House Committee Substitute Voted Do Pass: 3-12-14

HB 1279

English

A+ Expansion: Expands the A+ scholarship program to include any high school graduate, public or private, regardless of whether the school was designated as an A+ school.

Bill History: Introduced: 1-9-14; Second Read: 1-13-14; Referred to House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee: 1-16-14

HB 1308

Thomson

Bright Flight Expansion: Revises student eligibility requirements for the Higher Education Academic Scholarship Program (Bright Flight) and adds a forgivable loan component to the program.

Bill History: Introduced: 1-9-14; Second Read: 1-13-14; Referred to H Higher Education: 1-16-14; H Higher Education Hearing: 1-29-14; H. Higher Education Voted Do Pass (HCS): 2-4-14; Referred to House Rules: 2-25-14; House Rules Voted Do Pass: 3-10-14

HB 1377

Walker

Public Safety Officer Survivor Program Expansion: Add emergency medical technicians to the list of public safety officers eligible for survivor's and disabled employee's education grant program.

Bill History: First Read: 1-14-14; Second Read: 1-15-14; Referred to House Higher Education: 1-28-14; Public Hearing: 2-4-14; Voted Do Pass w/HCS: 3-11-14; Referred to Rules: 3-11-14; Voted Do Pass: 3-24-14

HB 1383 Peters **In-state Tuition for Military:** Grants in-state tuition eligibility for active duty military personnel and national guard.

Bill History: Introduced:1-14-14; Second Read: 1-15-14; Referred to House Higher Education: 1-28-14

HB 1390 Thomson **State Funding for Higher Education Institutions:** Requires the cooperative development of a resource allocation model by the public four-year institutions of higher education and the MDHE that incorporates performance funding for public two- and four-year institutions of higher education. The model must be approved by the CBHE. The CBHE must develop and adopt at least five institutional performance measures for each public institution, in collaboration with the institutions and the Joint Committee on Education.

Bill History: Introduced:1-14-14; Second Read: 1-15-14; Referred to H Higher Education: 1-22-14; H Higher Education Hearing: 1-28-14; Referred to House Rules: 2-5-14; House Rules Reported Do Pass: 2-20-14; House Perfected: 3-10-14; Third Read and Passed: 3-12-14; Reported to Senate and First Read: 3-12-14

HB 1590 Kelly **Meningitis Vaccination:** Requires all students attending public institutions of higher education who reside in on-campus housing to have received the meningococcal conjugate vaccine.

Bill History: Second Read: 1-27-14; Referred to H. Health Care Policy: 2-5-14; Public Hearing: 3-12-14

HB 1635 Mims **Student Favoritism:** Requires public institutions of higher education to adopt policies on student favoritism.

Bill History: Second Read: 1-29-14; Referred to H. Higher Education: 2-5-14; Public Hearing: 2-11-14

HB 1637 Fitzpatrick **Tuition Rates for Undocumented Individuals:** Prohibits public institutions of higher education from offering tuition rates to undocumented individuals that is less than the rate charged to citizens or nationals of the US whose residence is not Missouri. Such

students must be charged the same tuition rate as international students.

Bill History: Second Read: 1-29-14; Referred to H. Higher Education: 2-5-14; Public Hearing: 2-11-14

HB 1701 Ellington

A+ Schools Program: Requires the Commissioner of Education to establish a process by which a student in an unaccredited district who is enrolled in a public school that is not A+ designated can receive reimbursement under the A+ Schools Program.

Bill History: Second Read: 2-3-14; Referred to House Elementary and Secondary Education: 2-11-14

HB 1704 Curtis

MO Tuition Equity Act: Requires colleges and universities to consider an individual a Missouri resident for tuition, fees, and admission purposes based on graduated from a Missouri high school having attended a Missouri high school for at least two years. The individual must have entered the US prior to enactment and, if not a citizen or permanent resident, must provide an affidavit confirming the intent to become a permanent resident.

Bill History: Second Read: 2-3-14; Referred to House Higher Education: 2-11-14; Public Hearing: 2-18-14

HB 1705 Curtis

Remedial Tuition Reimbursement: Allows students at two-year or four-year colleges or universities to seek tuition reimbursement for college remedial courses under certain circumstances.

Bill History: Second Read: 2-3-14; Referred to House Higher Education: 2-11-14; Public Hearing: 2-18-14

HB 1707 Curtis

Community College Police: Allows community college police officers to establish regulations to control vehicular traffic on any thoroughfare owned or maintained by the college.

Bill History: First Read: 2-3-14; Second Read: 2-4-14; Referred to House Crime Prevention and Public Safety: 2-12-14; Public Hearing: 2-24-14; Voted Do Pass (Consent): 3-6-14; Referred to House Rules: 3-6-

14; Reported Do Pass (Consent): 3-13-14

HB 1773 Frederick

Board of Medical Scholarship Awards: Creates the Board of Medical Scholarship Awards to provide scholarships and loans to encourage physicians to practice medicine in underserved areas of the state.

Bill History: Second Read: 2-10-14; Referred to House Higher Education: 2-18-14

HB 1784 Morgan

MO Tuition Equity Act: Requires colleges and universities to consider an individual a Missouri resident for tuition, fees, and admission purposes based on graduation from a Missouri high school, having attended a Missouri high school for at least two years. The individual must have entered the U.S. prior to enactment and, if not a citizen or permanent resident, must provide an affidavit confirming the intent to become a permanent resident.

Bill History: Second Read: 2-10-14; Referred to House Higher Education: 2-18-14

HB 1827 Jones

UM Board of Curators: Requires that one voting member of the University of Missouri Board of Curators be a student.

Bill History: Second Read: 2-12-14

HB 1844 Thomson

Student Financial Assistance: Modifies initial eligibility requirements for the A+ and Access Missouri programs to include mathematics and English end-of-course requirements. Implementation applies to 2017 high school seniors and later.

Bill History: Second Read: 2-17-14; Referred to House Higher Education: 2-25-14

HB 1870 Dunn

MO Tuition Equity Act: Requires a Missouri higher education institution that receives state funding to recognize certain students as Missouri residents for tuition and admission purposes.

Bill History: Second Read: 2-17-14; Referred to House Higher Education: 2-25-14

[HB 1932](#) [Walton Gray](#) **Pay Forward/Pay Back:** Directs the Department of Higher Education to consider creation of a “Pay Forward, Pay Back” pilot program to replace the current system of tuition and fees required to attend a public institution of higher education.

Bill History: Second Read: 2-20-14; Referred to House Higher Education: 2-26-14

[HB 1949](#) [Thomson](#) **Educator Preparation:** This bill would establish the Missouri Advisory Board for Educator Preparation within the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. This board would advise the State Board of Education and the Coordinating Board for Higher Education on matters of quality educator preparation programs.

Bill History: Introduced: 2-20-14; Referred to House Higher Education: 3-4-14; Public Hearing: 3-11-14; Committee Substitute Voted Do Pass: 3-25-14

[HB 1961](#) [Schupp](#) **UM Board of Curators:** Allows the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint a student to the University of Missouri Board of Curators who would have full voting rights.

Bill History: Second Read: 2-24-14

[HB 1974](#) [Smith](#) **College Credit Disclosure Act:** Requires certain higher education institutions to provide a credit transfer disclosure to students before enrollment.

Bill History: First Read: 2-24-14; Second Read: 2-25-14; Referred to House Higher Education: 3-4-14; Public Hearing: 3-11-14

[HB 1984](#) [English](#) **Tuition Benefits for Veterans:** Exempts certain veterans that served in the Korean War or later and certain individuals serving in the MO National Guard from paying tuition and general fees at any public college or university. The exemption may be extended to spouses, children, or dependents under certain circumstances. The

bill deletes the Wartime Veterans Survivor program, the Vietnam Veterans Survivor Program, and the Returning Heroes program.

Bill History: Second Read: 2-26-14; Referred to House Veterans: 3-4-14

[HB 2038](#)

[Hicks](#)

Missouri Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Initiative: Creates a tax credit for employers who hire students majoring in the fields of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics for internships.

Bill History: Second Read: 3-3-14; Referred to House Economic Development: 3-6-14

[HB 2122](#)

[Wright](#)

Higher Education Tax Credit: Authorizes a tax credit for donations to Missouri public colleges and universities.

Bill History: Second Read: 3-12-14

[HB 2154](#)

[Franklin](#)

Show-Me ECHO Program: Specifies that the University of Missouri shall manage the Show-Me ECHO program, subject to appropriations and in collaboration with the Department of Health and Senior Services.

Bill History: First Read: 3-13-14; Second Read: 3-20-14; Referred to House Special Standing Committee on Emerging Issues in Health Care: 3-26-14

[HB 2156](#)

[Berry](#)

IT Certification Course Work: Requires the Department of Higher Education to develop a program to offer information technology certification through technical course work.

Bill History: First Read: 3-13-14; Second Read: 3-20-14; Referred to House Higher Education: 3-26-14

[HB 2165](#)

[Curtis](#)

Three-Year Bachelors Degree Pilot Program: Requires the coordinating board of higher education to conduct a study to assess the feasibility of a "bachelors degree in three" accelerated degree program at public institutions of higher education.

Bill History: First Read: 3-24-14; Second Read: 3-25-14

HB 2166

Curtis

Tuition Rates: Prohibits a higher education institution from charging a Missouri resident who is a full-time student a tuition rate that exceeds the amount charged when the student first enrolled for the next five years.

Bill History: First Read: 3-24-14; Second Read: 3-25-14

SB 628

Schaaf

Property Transfer by Higher Education Institutions: Removes the expiration date on the authority of certain public higher education institutions to transfer real property, except in fee simple, without General Assembly authorization.

Bill History: Prefiled: 12-13-13; First Read: 1-8-14; Second Read and referred to S Education Committee: 1-23-14; S. Education Hearing: 1-29-14; S. Education Voted Do Pass: 2-5-14

SB 723

Parson

Revenue Bonds: Raises the cap on the amount of revenue bonds that may be issued by the State Board of Public Buildings by \$400 million to \$1.175 billion. Bonds that may be issued due to the increase in the cap may only be used for renovation or repair of existing buildings or facilities, except that bonds may be issued for the construction of a new mental health facility in Callaway County. The act also raises the cap on the amount of revenue bonds that may be issued by the State Board of Public Buildings for projects at public institutions of higher education by \$200 million to \$375 million. Bonds that may be issued due to the increase in the cap may only be used for renovation or repair of existing buildings or facilities.

Bill History: Second Read and Referred to Governmental Accountability and Fiscal Oversight: 1-30-14; Public Hearing: 2-5-14; SCS Voted Do Pass: 2-12-14; Reported to Floor: 2-27-14; Perfected: 3-27-14

SB 819

Wallingford

Individual Privacy: Enacts multiple provisions to protect the privacy of individuals from government intrusion. Specifically limits the data education agencies can collect from students and prescribed how that data can be shared.

Bill History: First Read: 2-3-14; Second Read and Referred to Senate Governmental Accountability and Fiscal Oversight: 2-20-14; Public Hearing: 3-5-14; Voted Do Pass w/SCS: 3-27-14

SB 838 Emery **Equal Opportunity Scholarship Program:** Creates the Equal Opportunity Scholarship Program to grant scholarships for certain educational costs to students from unaccredited school districts.

Bill History: First Read: 2-6-14; Second Read and Referred to Senate Education: 2-27-14

SB 847 Schaaf **Provision of Health Care:** Contains several provisions relating to the Mo HealthNet project. Also creates the Board of Medical Scholarship Awards to provide scholarships and loans to medical students that agree to work in identified areas of the state.

Bill History: First Read: 2-10-14; Second Read and Referred to Senate Veteran's Affairs and Health: 2-27-14

SB 938 Pearce **Property Transfer by Higher Education Institutions:** Removes the expiration data on the authority of certain public higher education institutions to transfer real property, except in fee simple, without General Assembly authorization.

Bill History: First Read: 2-26-14; Second Read and Referred to Senate Education: 3-13-14

SCR 39 Parsons **Capital Project Funding:** Authorizes the issuance of bonds for certain state and university projects.

Bill History: Second Read and Referred to Senate Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions, and Ethics: 3-5-14

HB 1200 Burlison **Open Records:** Requires the Attorney General to collect and provide information regarding open records and contractual sales of information to businesses and other organizations.

Bill History: Second Read and Referred to General Laws: 1-9-14; Public Hearing: 1-28-14; HCS Voted Do Pass: 2-11-14; Referred to House Rules: 2-20-14

HB 1206 Wilson **Property Transfer by Higher Education Institutions:** Removes the expiration date on the authority of certain public higher education institutions to transfer real property, except in fee simple, without General Assembly authorization.

Bill History: Prefiled: 1-3-14; Referred to H Higher Education: 1-9-14; H Higher Education Hearing 1-28-14; Referred to H. Rules: 2-5-14; Reported Do Pass Consent (Rules): 2-11-14; House Perfected by Consent: 2-20-14; Reported from Rules Do Pass (Consent): 2-24-14; Reported to Senate and First Read: 2-26-14

HB 1442 Dunn **Alpha Phi Alpha Day:** Designates December 4 as "Alpha Phi Alpha Day" in Missouri in honor of the first black intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans.

Bill History: First Read: 1-15-14; Second Read: 1-16-14; Referred to House Tourism and Natural Resources: 1-28-14; Public Hearing: 2-6-14; Voted Do Pass (Consent): 2-20-14; Referred to Rules: 2-24-14; Reported Do Pass (Consent) 2-27-14; Perfected by Consent: 3-10-14; Third Read and Passed: 3-13-14; Reported to Senate and First Read: 3-24-14

HB 1459 Lauer **Tax Credits for Innovation Campuses:** Provides for a tax credit for donations to Innovation Education Campuses as defined in the bill. The tax credit would be for one-half of the donation but could not exceed current year tax liability of the donating entity.

Bill History: Introduced: 1-16-14; Referred to House Economic Development: 1-22-14; Public Hearing: 2-4-14; HCS Voted Do Pass (Consent) 2-13-14; Referred to House Rules: 2-13-14; Rule Voted Do Pass (Consent): 2-24-14; Third Read and Passed w/ Amendments: 3-6-14; Reported to Senate and First Read: 3-10-14

HB 1487 Bahr **Reimbursement for Remedial College Courses:** Directs DESE to establish a process to allow certain students at colleges and universities to receive tuition reimbursement for remedial college courses. Reimbursement would be deducted from the classroom

trust fund.

Bill History: Second Read: 1-21-14; Referred to House Higher Education: 1-29-14; Public Hearing: 2-18-14

HB 1732 Swan

At-Risk Students: Requires school districts to develop a system for identifying students who are at risk of not being ready for college-level work or entry-level career positions.

Bill History: Referred to House Elementary and Secondary Education: 2-12-14

HB 1780 Swan

Virtual Higher School Courses: Adds virtual courses to the postsecondary courses that can be offered to high school students participating in dual enrollment classes.

Bill History: First Read: 2-6-14; Second Read: 2-10-14; Referred to House Elementary and Secondary Education: 2-18-14; Public Hearing: 3-26-14

HB 1809 Curtis

Higher Education Income Tax Deduction: Authorizes an income tax deduction for 100 percent of the tuition paid for up to the last 30 hours required to complete an associate or bachelor degree from a public two-year or four-year college.

Bill History: Second Read: 2-10-14; Referred to House Ways and Means: 2-18-14; Public Hearing: 2-25-14

HB 2043 Rowden

Tax Deductions: Authorizes tax deductions for businesses and individuals working on unused and vacant areas of public institutions of higher education.

Bill History: Second Read: 3-3-14; Referred to Economic Development: 3-12-14